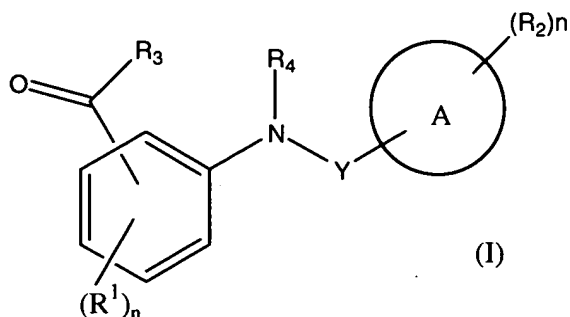


ABSTRACT

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SMALL MOLECULE ENTRY INHIBITORS

10 The present invention concerns a compound having the formula (I)



15 a N-oxide form, a stereochemical isomer, racemic mixture, salt, prodrug, ester or metabolite thereof. It further relates to processes for their preparation as well as pharmaceutical compositions, their use as medicines, and diagnostic kits comprising them. The present invention also concerns combinations of the present entry inhibitors with anti-retroviral agents. It further relates to their use in assays as reference compounds or as reagents. The compounds of the present invention are useful for

20 preventing or treating infection by HIV and for treating AIDS.